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1. The governing junta of El Salvador promised to deal justly with the demands of the Union de Trabajadores Ferrocarrileros (UTF), the Salvadoran railway union, following its meeting on 1 March with UTF directors. The council declared that it considered the union's demands fair. These demands include a wage raise of five to twenty per cent, paid vacations, seven days' pay for six days' work, and, most important, a compulsory check-off of union dues by the company.
2. The UTF carried out its threat to effect a second work stoppage on 26 February.
3. J. H. Wilson, manager of the International Railways of Central America was issued a passport by the Salvadoran Foreign Office on 1 March. He stated he was going on a vacation.

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Comment. The UTF victory is considered important, as it aligns the government with the liberal column, sets a pattern for the rest of labor, and will undoubtedly cause the reactionary element to redouble its efforts against the government.

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